

REAR ADMIRAL DONALD L. STURTZ
Medical Corps, United States Navy

Medical Advisor
Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic

Command Surgeon
U. S. Atlantic Command

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Rear Admiral Donald L. Sturtz is Fleet Surgeon for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet with additional duties as Command Surgeon, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command; Commander in Chief, Western Atlantic; and Commander, Ocean Atlantic. He is also Command Surgeon and Medical Advisor to the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

Rear Admiral Sturtz graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1955. Ensign Sturtz reported to USS RADFORD (DDE 446) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he served in the Gunnery Division. He was designated as a Naval Aviator in October 1957. Subsequent duties included VA-44 in Jacksonville, Florida; and VA-83 in Oceana, Virginia.

Lieutenant Sturtz left active duty in late 1960 and attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. After graduation in 1965, he completed an internship and training in General Surgery at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

From 1970 to 1971, Lieutenant Commander Sturtz served as Ship's Surgeon aboard USS AMERICA (CVA 66). In 1971, Commander Sturtz reported to Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, as a staff surgeon.

He was promoted to Captain in 1976 and in 1980 was assigned to Naval Hospital San Diego, California, as Chairman of Surgery and Program Director for Residency Training in General Surgery. In 1984 Captain Sturtz was ordered to Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, as Executive Officer and Director of Medical Education. In late 1985, he reported to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, as Professor of Clinical Surgery. Captain Sturtz reported to the USNS MERCY (T-AH 19) as Commanding Officer of the Medical Treatment Facility in November 1986.

He was promoted to Rear Admiral on July 1, 1987. On November 20, 1987, Rear Admiral Sturtz assumed command of the Naval Medical Command National Capital Region, Bethesda, Maryland. Rear Admiral Sturtz has served as Navy Governor, American College of Surgeons; on the Graduate Medical Evaluation Committee, American College of Surgeons; and is the Past Chairman of the Navy Trauma Committee, Military Region, Committee on Trauma, American College of Surgeons.

Rear Admiral Sturtz married the former Alice McGuire. Their daughters, Jimalee and Janel, each married military aviators.